

**Historical Advisory Committee (HAC)  
Meeting Minutes December 9, 2015**

Meeting held at the Charlotte County Historical Center at Grace Street Annex

**Committee Members**

Sue Blackwell (61/81)  
Emma-Lou Craig (11/14)  
Michael Haymans (34/64)  
Carol Leonard (8/9)  
Dianne Munson (14/22)  
Gene Murtha (5/8)  
Larry Peck(18/22)  
Scot Shively (74/77)  
Pat Spence(4/5)

**Present**

Sue Blackwell  
Emma-Lou Craig  
Carol Leonard  
Larry Peck  
Scot Shively  
Pat Spence

**Not Present**

Michael Haymans  
Dianne Munson--excused  
Gene Murtha--excused

**BOCC Liaison:**

Stephen R. Deutsch

**Guests**

Valarie Colbert--DAR

**Staff**

Maryanne Sharkey, Library & History Division

**9:00 a.m. Call to Order, Roll Call** – The November meeting minutes were read, motion to approve by with corrections made by Emma-Lou Craig and second by Carol Leonard. Motion carried to approve.

**Old Business** – Hickory Bluff Cemetery marker should arrive by the end of December and we are looking at January 23<sup>rd</sup> for the dedication.

**New Business:** The position is filled for the Historical Center, waiting for a start date.

Subcommittee met after last month's meeting and Scot distributed a list of suggested markers to work on in the future and also the markers to be erected in 2016 as they are prioritized the members will be updated. Marker dedication for Hickory Bluff Cemetery will be in January, McCall marker dedication in February and Scot will make sure McCall's first name is on the plaque. Punta Gorda Army Airfield possibly in March, we are waiting for a small plaque to be added to the bottom saying Charlotte County Airport Authority. JB is working on the Mackle Brothers.

**Historical Development/Reviews:** No new reviews came in. Scot Shively will be doing any historical reviews that come in until Jackie comes back to work.

**Archives & Collections:** Work on the archives will be postponed until after the holidays.

**Historical Markers:** The proposed list for 2017 included a brief history on some of them, which gives a starting point to do research on. Question was asked if there are any areas of historical significance in the Parkside area. Scot explained Jackie attended a meeting and they are looking at Parkside being a historic district and a site to place a marker. Discussion was made on other possible sites in Charlotte County and what the criteria is to qualify for a historical site. There is no criteria for house markers to date, except a house needs to be 100 years old. For the 4 districts we have, we will get the GIS map to show the overlay they have. Scot explained the research process of evaluating what is a historical site to meet the criteria for a marker.

**Public Comments** – Valarie Colbert of DAR reported they are continuing to work raising money for the Hickory Bluff Mounds and looking at 2017 for the dedication. Commissioner Deutsch suggested the HAC do a 10 to 15 minutes presentation to the BCC to define where they are going and what the HAC has done. This would promote more of the things the HAC is doing and raise awareness. Discussion on the HAC would like to get with Tourism and help with the demographics of history with the visitors coming into Charlotte County.

Question was asked how does the BCC decide what non-profit groups get dollars and how much from the County.

**Member Comments** - Members shared upcoming programs and events.

**Adjournment** – 10:08 AM

**Next HAC Meeting:-** 9 A.M., Wednesday, January 13, 2016 to be held at Mid-County Regional Library, 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte

cc:

Commissioner Ken Doherty

Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch

Commissioner Bill Truex,

Commissioner Christopher Constance

Commissioner Tricia Duffy

Ray Sandrock, County Administrator

Kelly Shoemaker, Deputy County Administrator

Tommy Scott, Director, Community Svcs Dept.